# **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

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FROM:

JOHNATHAN FARLEY

DATE:

**JUNE 29, 2016** 

RE:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FILING IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER

NO. 33533, CASE NO. PAC-E-16-06

PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power (Company) submitted a filing on June 21, 2016 to revise the Company's Electric Service Regulation No. 9 of its tariff to comply with Commission Order No. 33533. Sheets 9R.2 through 9R.4 have been revised and two new pages (Sheets 9R.5 and 9R.6) have been added. The Company requests an effective date of July 7, 2016.

#### BACKGROUND

Electric Service Regulation No. 9 (Regulation No.9) outlines the Company's policies and procedures pertaining to the collection, retention and return of deposits and advance payments to all customer classes. On February 16, 2016, Rocky Mountain Power filed an application to make modifications to Regulation No.9, adding provisions specific to the irrigation customer class taking service under Schedule 10.

On June 7, 2016, the Commission approved some but not all revisions proposed by the Company and ordered it to continue working with Staff to further clarify Regulation No. 9. Substantial changes have been made to the text and format of Regulation No.9 as part of a collaborative effort between the Company and Staff. Substantive changes are as outlined below.

### Collection of Irrigation Advanced Payments

An advance may be required from current, previous or prospective Schedule 10 customers prior to providing electric service under the following conditions: (1) the customer

had a cumulative past due balance equal to or greater than \$25,000 on December 31; (2) the customer had service disconnected for nonpayment during the last four years; or (3) the customer sought any form of relief under the Federal Bankruptcy Laws, or has been discharged from bankruptcy, or whose receivership proceeding has been terminated, or whose bankruptcy proceedings have been dismissed.

### **Calculation of Irrigation Advance Payments**

Advance payments will be equal to the estimated monthly billings for the upcoming irrigation season, based upon the previous twelve months of metered usage at each service point or estimated using the new customer's connected horsepower. If the previous twelve months includes inactivity, the estimate may include earlier periods.

# Collection of Irrigation Deposits

A deposit may be required from a current or previous Schedule 10 customer prior to providing electric service under the following conditions: (1) the customer received two or more past due notices for non-payment of Schedule 10 service during the most recent irrigation season or the last 12 month period during which service was received; (2) the Schedule 10 customer was required to pay an advance for the previous irrigation season and the balance on December 31 was less than \$25,000; or (3) the applicant is requesting service for the first time.

# Calculation of Irrigation Deposits

The deposit for each metered service point is equal to the estimated monthly bill for the two highest months of usage within the last two irrigation seasons. For new customers, deposits will be calculated using the bills from the previous customer at the new customer's location or estimated using the new customer's connected horsepower.

### Irrigation Advance or Deposit Guarantor

A guarantor may be used as an alternative to payment of an advance or deposit. To be considered acceptable to the Company, a guarantor must be: (1) an active Rocky Mountain Power Schedule 10 customer; (2) current on all accounts at the time of the application with no more than one past due notice in the previous twelve months; and (3) have cumulative usage for

all active Schedule 10 metered services during the previous season that equals or exceeds the estimated usage for the customer or applicant needing a guarantor.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed Sheet Nos. 9R.2 through 9R.6 that the Company filed on June 21, 2016, and believes them to be in compliance with the Commission's directive in Order No. 33533. Staff recommends approval of Rocky Mountain Power's proposed changes to its tariff.

#### COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the changes set forth in Rocky Mountain Power's Compliance Filing with an effective date of July 7, 2016?

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